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1. Source says that Muhammad Umar Adnan has been selected by the Grand Mufti to succeed ~~SMITH~~ as his chief representative in this area. The Mufti will leave ~~SMITH~~ as titular head of the Arab Higher Committee in Lebanon because he would not want to antagonize ~~SMITH~~'s many friends by removing him from this office.
2. The Mufti decided some months ago to ease away from ~~THUR~~ in favor of ~~ADNAN~~. The funds which ~~THUR~~ now finds impossible to get from the Mufti go instead to ~~ADNAN~~, who is very close-mouthed and keeps the source of his money a secret.
3. ~~ADNAN~~, says source, is not really a Communist at all, but only plays the part for the Mufti's benefit, so that the latter has in him a direct contact with the Communist Party and a source of information on Party activities. It is source's opinion, however, that ~~ADNAN~~ is quite unscrupulous and could be "bought" by the Communist Party if it wanted him. Source added that ~~ADNAN~~ could convince the average person that he is a Communist by the ease with which he can spin the Party line. Source considers him one of the most dangerous men in Lebanon because, unlike most Arabs, he acts rather than talks.

Field Comments: If Foreman is right, then Foreman has been fooled by ~~ADNAN~~'s Communist chatter. In any event he is a man who must be watched. Also, if Foreman is right, the arms which ~~ADNAN~~ is collecting are for his guerrilla fighters or some other anti-Jewish group, rather than for the Communist Party as such.

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